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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-26-47

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LOCATION: AMERICUS, GEORGIA

CORWAY R. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 5-29-69, Eff: 7-11-69)
Name of licensee THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 605 McGarrah St., Americus, Georgia. (MP 5-5-47) (Lic. 8-26-47)

605 McGarrah St., Americus, Ga. (Ltr. 5-9-68)
x The Rembert Building, Forsyth & Lee Sts., Americus, Ga. (Let- 3-15-55)

x 109 1/2 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia (MP 5-5-47)
x 110 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia. (Lic. 8-26-47)

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Main studio location x 109 Windsor Ave., Americus, Georgia. (MP 5-5-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B3-P-4602	1-8-47	1230	250w	U	
Letter	2-19-47	CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna			
B3-P-4602	5-5-47	1230	250w	U	7-5 1-5-48
BMP-2604	Mod. C.P. (4602) for approval of antenna and T site specify S site. (Conditional clause)				
BL-2552	8-26-47	1230	250w	U	8-26 2-1-49
BZ-2372	Lic. to cover CP (4602 as mod.) for a new station, change studio location and determine operating power by direct method. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)				
BS-1568	1-26-49	Extension of License		2-1	6-1-49
BS-1568	5-26-49	Extension of license		6-1	9-1-49
BR-1568	8-24-49	1230	250w	U	8-24 2-1-52
BR-1568	1-23-52	1230	250w	U	2-1 4-1-53
BR-1568	3-26-52	1230	250w	U	4-1 4-1-55
BTC-1371	10-1-52	Transfer of control to CHARLES C. SMITH,			
EFF	11-18-52	J. FRANK MYERS, AND W. G. PEARLMAN			
BTC-1587	11-25-53	Voluntary transfer of control from W. G.			
EFF:	12-1-53	PEARLMAN, C. G. DUNCAN AND J. FRANK MYERS to JOHN E. GILSTRAP, JR. AND 19 OTHER STOCKHOLDERS.			
BRC-447	7-22-54	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote control from 109 1/2 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia			
(1)					
BR-1568	3-23-55	Renewal of license		4-1	4-1-58
BRC-718	5-13-55	Modification of lic. to change trans. Remote control point from 109 1/2 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia to The Rembert Building, Forayth and Lee Streets, Americus, Georgia			
(1)					
BP-10438	8-29-56	1290kc	1kw	Day	10-29-56 4-29-57
	CP to change freq., hours of operation and increase power, install new transmitter.				
BL-6418	12-11-56	1290kc	1kw	Day	12-11-56 4-1-58
License to cover CP(BP-10,438) which auth. change in freq., increase power, change hours of operation and install new trans.					

Form BC-126

June 1954

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Station location

Name of licensee THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
BR-1568	3-25-58	RENEWAL CP LICENSE			4-1 4-1-61
BTC-2817 EFF: al. (All Stockholders)	7-30-58 9-9-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from T.O. Marshall, Jr., et al. to Charles G. Smith.			
BR-1568	3-15-61	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-64
BP-16032	1-21-64	1290kc 1kw	Day		3-21 9-21-64
		CP to make changes in the antenna system (increase height) Cond'l.			
BR-1568	3-17-64	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-67
BP-16454	1-6-65	1290kc 1kw	Day		3-6 9-6-65
		CP to replace expires CP(BP-16,032) which auth. make chngs. in antenna system (increase height) (Cond'l).			
BMP-11412 (1)	1-11-65	Mod. of CP(BP-16,454) to increase MEOV from 192 mv/m to 213 mv/m.			
BL-10,965 (1)	8-11-65	Mod. of Lic to cover CP(BP-16,454) increase height of antenna system.			
BR-1568	3-29-67	1290kc 1kw	Day		4-1 4-1-70
		Renewal of NDEA			4-1 4-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-1568	3-29-67	This authorization supersedes authorization as of the same date to correct the time of June.			
BR-1568(1)	7-24-68	Direct Reas.			
BR-1568	6-25-68	Vol. TC			EFF. 7-18-68
Ltr. rec'd	5-9-68	SL now at TL, & delete RC.			
BR-1568	7-20-70	Vol. TL			
BR-1568(1)	7-30-70	Renewal and NDEA			4-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1568(S)	7-20-73	RENEWAL OF LIC.			4-1-76
BR-1568(S)	7-20-76	Renewal of Lic.			4-1-79
BR781204UD(S)	7-31-79	Renewal of License			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P.O. 109 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-4602	3-6-46	C.P. for a new standard broadcast station	GRANTED subject filing MP for approval of T site and antenna Letter 2-19-47 Issued with MP 2604	1-8-47
Rec'd	3-11-46	to be operated on:		
Filed:	3-11-46	Frequency: 1230 Kc		
		Power: 250w		
		Hours of Operation: Unlimited time		
		Trans. Location: To be determined, Americus, Ga.		
		Studio Location: To be determined, Americus, Ga.		
		(Filed by: George C. Davis, Engr.)		

RAYTHEON RA-250 Transmitter

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THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2604	3-5-47	Mod. of C.P. (E3-P-4602, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, approval of transmitter location at McGarrah Street, Americus, Ga. and to specify studio location as 109 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia. (George C. Davis, Engr.)	GRANTED	5-5-47
Rec'd	3-7-47		Conditional - blanketing	
Filed	3-7-47		clause.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2552 Rec'd Filed	6-25-47 6-27-47 6-27-47	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-4602, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of studio location from: 109 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Ga. to: 110 Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia and	GRANTED re waivers 3.60 and blanketing clause	8-26-47
BZ-2372 Rec'd Filed	6-17-47 6-19-47 6-27-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
BR-1568 Rec'd Resubmitted Resub. Rec'd	11-29-48 12-2-48 1-3-49 5-27-49 5-31-49	Renewal of license	Returned 12-22-48- signed by Genl Manager Returned 5-3-49 per Commission's letter of 5-1-49 date GRANTED	8-24-49

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 24 #4

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Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1568 Rec'd Filed	10-31-51 11-5-51 11-5-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-23-52
BR-1568 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	3-5-52 3-7-52 3-12-52 3-20-52 3-20-52	Renewal of license Informal Request	GRANTED	3-26-52
BTC-1371 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	7-2-52 7-30-52 8-25-52 9-5-52 9-5-52	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from James R. Blair, James W. Lett and H. Phil Jones thru sale of 150 shares of stock to Charles C. Smith, J. Frank Myers, and W. G. Pearlman.	RETURNED ⁶ 8-4-52 Only one transferor & transferee signed appl. & agreement, not signed by transferees, also corr. of birthdate for J. Frank Myers. GRANTED 10-1-52 EPF 11-18-52	

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FORM A-170

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1587	9-8-53	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from W. G. Pearlman, C. G. Duncan, and J. Frank Myers thru sale of 142½ shares of stock to John E. Gilstrap, Jr., and 19 others.	Application returned	
Rec'd	9-11-53		10-6-53 per request of	
Filed	9-11-53		applicant and file	
Resub.	10-19-53		number cancelled	
Rec'd	10-22-53		GRANTED	11-25-53
Filed	10-22-53		KFF:	12-1-53
BRC-447	7-13-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 109½ Windsor Avenue, Americus, Georgia	GRANTED	7-22-54
Rec'd	7-15-54			
Filed	7-15-54			
BR-1568	12-31-54	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-23-55
Rec'd	1-3-55			
Filed	1-3-55			
BRC-718	5-3-55	Modification of license to change trans. Remote control point from 109½ Windsor Avenue, Americus Georgia to The Rembert Building, Forsyth and Lee Streets, Americus, Georgia.	GRANTED	5-13-55
Rec'd	5-9-55			
Filed	5-9-55			

FORM BC-121 #6
FORMERLY FORM A-170

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Letters W.D.E.C.

Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,438 Rec'd Filed	3-9-56 3-15-56 3-15-56	Construction Permit to change frequency from 1230kc <u>to</u> 1290kc, increase power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw, change hours of operation from unlimited <u>to</u> daytime and install new transmitter (Gates BC-1J) Engr. - W.J. Holey, Atlanta, Georgia	GRANTED Trans. may be opr. by remote control from main studio loc.	8-29-56
BL-6418 Rec'd Filed	11-21-56 11-23-56 11-23-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,438 which authorized change in frequency, increase power, change hours of operation from unlimited TO daytime and install new transmitter.	GRANTED	12-11-56
BR-1568 Rec'd & Filed	1-1-58 1-6-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-26-57

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Letters W D E CName THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY
AMERICUS, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2817 Rec'd. Filed	6-7-58 6-12-58 6-12-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from T.O. Marshall, Jr. et al (All Stockholders) to Charles C. Smith.	GRANTED EFF:	7-30-58 9-9-58
BR-1568 Rdc'd&Filed	12-13-60 12-16-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-15-61
BP-16,032 R. & F.	11-5-63 11-6-63	CP to make changes in the antenna system (increase height).	GRANTED re: Not to exceed	1-21-64 Cond'1 192 mv/m/
BR-1568 R & F	12-27-63 1-2-64	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-17-64
BP-16,454 R. & F.	12-11-64 12-14-64	Construction permit to replace expires C.P. (BP-16,032) which auth. to make changes in the antenna system (Increase height)	GRANTED re: Not to exceed	1-6-65 192mv/m/

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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Letters W.D.E.G.

Name THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY
Americus, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,412 R. & F.	10-8-64 10-20-64	Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,454, which replaced expired CP (BP-16,032, which auth. chng. ant. system. (Incr. height) to increase MEQV'S from 192 mv/m to 213 mv/m. (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BP-16,454.)	GRANTED	1-11-65
BL-10,965 R. & F.	4-15-65 4-19-65	License to cover CP(BP-16,454, which replaced expired CP(BP-16,032)) which authorized changes in the antenna system (increase height).	GRANTED	8-11-65
BR-1568 R. & F.	12-28-66 1-3-67	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-29-67
BP- Rec'd MAR 19 1968	3-4-68 3-6-68	CP to move transmitter (short move same site). chg. studio to transmitter site & delete RC.	Returned Unnecessary.	3-14-68

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1290kc

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CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name xTHE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Americus, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WTC-5636 R & F FEE PD:\$75 -#128773 MAY 22 1968	5-8-68 5-15-68	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Charles C. Smith to Conway M. Smith(100%)	GRANTED EFF.	6-25-68 7-18-68
BZ-6854 R & F DM JUN 21 1968	5/22/68 5/27/68 6/7/68	Direct Meas.	GRANTED	6-24-68
BAL-6661 Rec'd Fee pd;\$30 -#199966 NOTICE SENT 3-28-69 addl \$30 fee for FM FILED MAY 10 1969	3-17-69 3-19-69 5-8-69	Vol. assignment of license to CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY	GRANTED Eff:	5-29-69 7-11-69

Notice of Pub. Filed 6-3-68

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.D.E.C.Name CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING COMPANY
Americus, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1568	12-30-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-30-70
R & F	1-2-70	AMENDED 4-13-70 re: programming; commercial		
#566881 \$75	1-2-70	matter (am & fm); logs submitted		
PN	1-2-70			
Amendment	1-14-70	Sect. II, Para. 3-Tower Painting	GRANTED	7-20-73
PRESS	1-23-70	AMENDED 6-10-70 re: programming		
BR-1568	12-22-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	12-29-72	AMENDED 4-4-73 re: ascertainment of comm. needs		
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 6-22-73 re: employment program	GRANTED	4-9-76
PRESS				
FEB 2 1973				
BR-1568	11-29-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	12-1-75	AMENDED 1-8-76 re: trans. logs	GRANTED	4-9-76
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	DEC 29 1975			
		AMENDED 3-29-76 Re-signature and Sec. IV-A.		

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Form BC-121

May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W D E C

Name CONWAY M. SMITH tr/as THE AMERICUS BROADCASTING
COMPANY
AMERICUS, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR 781204UD PRESS	DEC 15 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-79

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

